

MORE BREAKS IN LEVEES

Most Serious Yet Occurred on
River Above Memphis.

SITUATION GROWS WORSE

New Maximum Recorded in Memphis.
Refugees Crowding Into the
City Faster Than They Can
Be Cared For

(By Associated Press.)
MEMPHIS, TENN., March 20.—The feeling of hope that was produced yesterday and last night by the Mississippi River coming to a stand at this point, with 40.1 feet on the gauge, was dispelled to-day by the occurrence of two additional breaks in the St. Francis levees north of the first crevasse at Trico's Landing, Ark., and the grave reports that are being received from Mississippi as well as by a rise of one-tenth here.

To-day the St. Francis levee gave way at Random, Shot and Shawnee Village, Ark., the first about forty-one miles from Memphis and the second about thirty-five miles. Both crevasses are reported to be serious, the one at Shawnee being the worst of the three. The situation, therefore, in Arkansas is much complicated and made more grave than any time during the flood. Just what will be the extent of the damage and suffering will not be known for several days, and the calamities have come so thick and fast that relief measures have been and must be for several days completely inadequate. The long line of levees that protect the vast and fertile delta region of that State are reported to be in critical condition at many points. At many places the water is sweeping through the embankments, flooding lands and villages, and in other places the embankments are overtopped by the floods and enormous quantities of water are being discharged into the country behind the levees. The most encouraging feature is that the river here has remained stationary all day.

NEW MAXIMUM.
The stage this morning was 40.1, a rise of 0.1 in twelve hours. The stage has not changed during the day. This is the greatest recorded and sets a new maximum. It is hoped that the fall will begin tonight, or tomorrow. The two breaks on the Arkansas shore are thought to be exerting a great influence on the flood, as a large amount of water is escaping through them.

Refugees are crowding into Memphis and the facilities are too limited to care for them. Secretary of War Root has answered to an appeal that he will do what he can to give relief to the flood sufferers. The government will issue tents for the refugees. The two breaks on the Arkansas shore are thought to be exerting a great influence on the flood, as a large amount of water is escaping through them.

Out of the refugees situation here is growing a great hardship to the city and to the planters of the regions that are not as yet flooded. From the protected sections able-bodied negroes and their entire families are coming to the city in large numbers, and the flood refugees but it is claimed their real purpose is to escape work and be cared for by the city and charitable organizations. This is not only increasing the city's burden, but is working great hardship upon the planters as they cannot secure laborers who are so badly needed at present.

RAILROAD SITUATION.
The railroad situation west of Memphis shows a great improvement, although the various systems that have had their tracks washed away by the flood are making strenuous efforts and are sparing no money to open their tracks. It is reported to-night that the Memphis and Arkansas river and that no predictions of the time of relief can yet be made. The two crevasses of to-day may tend to complicate the situation, and it is highly probable that this new pouring in of water will destroy tracks at other points in Arkansas to the west of the present gaps.

By roundabout ways the railways are carrying west-bound passengers to their destinations.
In the city the situation is about the same. Much of the manufacturing district is still flooded, and in the residence portion there is much suffering. Developments to-day tend to show that the reports from Marion last night were somewhat exaggerated. The levee was not dynamited to-day.

WEATHER BUREAU'S DAILY RIVER BULLETIN

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The only new development in the flood situation since Thursday night has been the breaking of the levee at Random Lake, near Pecan Point, Ark. The water through this crevasse will complicate the situation of the city and the eastern portions of Cross, St. Francis and Lee counties, in Arkansas. The water will reach the St. Francis River through the Trico's Landing. This will prolong the flood crisis below the levee at St. Francis, particularly from Helena to Vicksburg, and the extreme gravity of the situation should not in the least be underestimated.

The local situation at Memphis continues practically unchanged, the river being about stationary at forty feet. It is now evident that the stages from Helena to Vicksburg will be somewhat higher



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or than at first indicated, and about as

Helena, about fifty feet, a more definite forecast at this time being impossible, owing to the uncertainty as to the amount of crevasse water that is coming through the St. Francis. Arkansas City, fifty-three; Greenville, forty-nine, and Vicksburg, fifty-two feet. For the New Orleans district the forecasts continue the same. The river has now passed a high water mark of 1897 and to-night reads 18.8.

LEVEE DYNAMITED TO EASE WATER THROUGH

(By Associated Press.)
VICKSBURG, MISS., March 20.—Showers, accompanied by stiff northwest winds, have caused increased anxiety for the safety of the levees in this section. A more rapid rise of the river is also noted, the gauge here registering 51.1 feet to-night, a rise of six-tenths in twelve hours.

A private levee at Davis, south of here, was dynamited in several places with the object of easing the water through, and to prevent the great damage feared from a sudden rush.

At the crossing of the Big Black River and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad back water has spread all over the roadbed for several hundred yards north and south.

BANKS HOLDING WELL ABOUT NEW ORLEANS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 20.—At noon to-day the gauge read 19.7, which makes the record for highest water. By night it had returned to 18.6, but higher water is sure to come. The levee line from Baton Rouge down is still intact and in line condition. None of the railroads out of New Orleans are experiencing any trouble. Whatever anxiety exists has passed, owing to the work done in the past few days of favorable weather, but vigilance is maintained, and large forces of men are kept at work all along the line from Vicksburg to the Gulf.

PISTOL WAS NOT LOADED AND NO HARM WAS DONE

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, March 20.—At the close of Sarah Bernhardt's performance in "Werther," at her theatre yesterday evening, following the dramatic climax when Werther seeks to kill himself, the audience was startled by a woman's voice in the body of the theatre crying, "I, too, wish to die." This was followed by a pistol shot. It proved to be an attempt at suicide by Madame Paule de Martigny, a well-known newspaper contributor. She was accompanied by her daughter, who, knowing her mother's suicidal intent, had withdrawn the ball cartridges, so that the shot did not cause any damage beyond a temporary panic.

DEATHS OF DAY

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 20.—A child born from Florence, Italy, announces the death to-day in that city of Charles Godfrey Leland, the author and journalist.
JACKSON, MISS., March 20.—Associate Justice Samuel L. Turret of the Mississippi Supreme Court, died at his home in Clark county to-day, near where he was born nearly seventy years ago. He had a long and eventful public career. He was a member of the circuit court in 1861 and an officer in the Confederate army four years. He was appointed to the supreme bench by Governor McLaurin in 1867.

MAKE RETURN IN CAMPBELL CASE

Officers Back and Report to
Their Respective
Houses.

Sergeants-at-Arms Frank B. Watkins, of the Senate, and J. M. Johnson, of the House, returned from Amherst yesterday morning, where, on Thursday, they each served notice on behalf of their respective houses upon Judge C. J. Campbell that after twenty days from said service the General Assembly will proceed to consider and vote upon the question of his removal from office upon the charges alleged in the joint resolution recently adopted, full copies of which were served, along with the formal notices. Following is a copy of the return made to Clerk Button, of the Senate, by Sergeant Watkins yesterday:

"Exceeded by delivering a true copy of written notice, accompanied by a copy of the joint resolution, stating the causes alleged thereon, to C. J. Campbell in Amherst county, Va., on March 19, 1908."
"F. B. WATKINS."
The return made by Sergeant Johnson to Clerk Button, of the House, was in the exact form of the one printed above. The officers say they had a nice trip to Amherst and that there was no special incident attending the official service of the papers on Judge Campbell. They arrived in Amherst Wednesday night, and sent word to Judge Campbell that if convenient they would meet the latter in his office the next morning. At 10:30 o'clock on Thursday they entered the office of the accused judge, where they found him in company with a number of friends and formally discharged their duty, and missing train connections, remained in Amherst until Thursday night.

The twenty days allowed Judge Campbell under the Constitution in which to make his answer to the General Assembly will expire on Tuesday, April 7th. After that day the General Assembly may, whenever either House shall choose to do so, take the matter up and proceed to consideration, when Judge Campbell will answer, and what will be the nature of his answer no one knows, but it has become evident that it is not the disposition of the body to allow him counsel, as the Committee for Courts of Justice contend that precedents are against this course.

The case is now rapidly reaching its final stage, and the end will be watched for with the utmost interest.

MONTAGUE IN NEW YORK

Went Despite Fears as to
Leaving the Legislature.

REFERRED TO LEE STATUE

Believed Time Would Come When the
Name of Lee Would Be Regarded
as Common Heritage of a Com-
mon American People.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—The alumni of the Beta Theta Pi, together with the chapters of the fraternity in New York and vicinity, tendered a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night to the Governors of New York, Massachusetts and Virginia. Governor Odell was unable to be present, but Governor John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, and Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, were seated at the guests' table on each side of ex-Governor James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, who presided.

In introducing Governor Montague, of Virginia, ex-Governor Beaver said he had received several letters from the Governor saying that he was afraid he would not be able to come, as he did not know what devilment the Legislature would do to him if he left them to their own devices.

Governor Montague said he should be at home in New York, for if New York, Massachusetts and Virginia had not been together in times which tried men's souls, then no States in the Union had been. Before the Pilgrims landed in Virginia, he said, the country after the Revolutionary War was a commonwealth of a free government.

PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Its Members Hold a Pleasant Conference
With Retail Grocers' Committee.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association took place last night at the hall of the T. P. A., corner Third and Main. At a previous meeting of the association an invitation had been extended to the Retail Grocers' Association to appoint a committee to explain the meaning of a certain circular letter sent the members by the Retail Grocers' Association, in regard to the manner and to whom they sold their goods.

Telegraphic Brevities.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 20.—Three women were instantly killed and a fourth was seriously injured while walking from Packtucket to this place on the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway. The victims in trying to avoid one train were struck by an engine on another track.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—C. Moensch & Sons Company, of Moensch, Plesker & Genssen, of Gowanda, two of the biggest tannery concerns in this part of the country, are insolvent. Application for the appointment of receivers for both concerns was made to-day.

MOULTON, GA.—John Henry Bryant, colored, was hanged here to-day for the murder of Daniel Buckner, whom he killed during an altercation over a woman.

At the Theatres.

The Fawcett Company is playing to packed houses at the Blou in "Camillo." The organization has achieved a most remarkable success, and could easily have given the place for a full week to capacity audiences.

Next week will mark the close of the regular season at the Academy. There will be two very strong attractions, and the Monday following the Academy Musical Comedy Company will make its first appearance for the spring and summer season. A magnificent revival of "The Lady Slave." The company makes its first appearance on Monday night in Norfolk, and both Manager Leath and Manager Giffen look for a tremendous success. The company will divide its time between Richmond and Norfolk, making new productions every two weeks.

That section of the George Fawcett company headed by Frank Gillmore comes to the Bijou next week in one of the biggest scenic productions of the year, "Siberia." This play met with great success in Baltimore, whence this company comes now.

"Richard Carvel" is now in the third year of its success, as interpreted by Andrew Robson.

This play will be presented by Mr. Robson and his company at the Academy on Tuesday evening and night.

The entire scenery and the equipments are carried by the organization.

"Robin Hood" is in its entirely new outfit of scenery, costumes and lighting effects, with its augmented chorus and several new principals, will be presented at the Academy of Music next Friday evening and at the Saturday matinee.

On Saturday evening, "Madame Marfan," the new comic opera, will be heard.

LICENSE QUESTION

Manchester Council Will Con-
sider Increase Later.

POSTPONED FOR A MONTH

Action of Legislative Committee Caused
the Delay—Bowling Club—Installa-
tion of Lodge of Elks—Fine En-
tertainment—Personals.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch, }
No. 1102 Hull Street, }
Just five minutes was consumed last night by the Common Council of Manchester in its special session.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the report of the Finance Committee in its recommendation that the liquor license of the city be increased to \$125, instead of \$30, as it now stands.

Chairman Wakefield called the meeting to order, and immediately after the roll call Mr. Gill moved that the liquor dealers and their representative, Mr. Ernest H. Wells, be heard, after which the Council got into executive session.

There was no second to this motion, and Mr. Bradley offered an amendment

that the whole matter go over to the next regular meeting in April.

Mr. Bradley gave as his reason for making this motion that the action of the Finance Committee of the Legislature, in increasing the State license 100 per cent, had materially changed the condition of things. He felt that no hasty action should be taken on the report of the committee, as he did not, and he did not think any member of the Council did, desire to put the liquor dealers out of business. He said that Council should take no action in the matter until the Legislature had acted, and he thought that such action would be taken before the next meeting of Council.

Mr. Sampson seconded Mr. Bradley's motion, and Mr. Pettit asked that the liquor dealers state their position on the motion to postpone.

On behalf of the dealers, Mr. Wells said that he would be glad to have a postponement, as he thought that Council would be better prepared to vote upon the subject after they had considered the action of the legislative committee.

Mr. Pettit also seconded the motion made by Mr. Bradley, and it was carried unanimously, and upon motion of Mr. Owen Council adjourned.

In conversation with The Times-Dispatch representative several members of Council stated that, in view of the situation as presented by the Legislature, they would not agree to an increase of the city license, but did not think it just to tax a legitimate business out of business.

One member who had originally voted in committee for \$125, said he would not agree to vote for it, if the Legislature persisted in putting the State license up to what the committee reported.

It is quite likely that when the matter comes up again, no increase will be made, or, at least, that it will be nominal.

Those present were: Messrs. Bradley, Sampson, Pettit, Owen, Ferguson, Cox, Gill, Grizzard, Reams and Wakefield.

The list of school trustees in Manchester will remain as at present, until the Legislature makes some provision for the election of such trustees.

At the meeting of the City Assembly last night in joint session, City Attorney Crompton advised the body. The schedule of the Constitution, section 11, says:

School trustees now in office, or their successors (by death or removal from office), shall remain in office until otherwise provided by law."

No other provision has yet been made, and the four trustees whose terms have expired on March 1st, 1908, will continue in office.

BOWLING CLUB.
Richmond Bowling Club will have a strong competitor in the Manchester club, which is now practicing at Dobbins' alleys. This club is making good scores, and when the spring tournament opens the club will be formidable opponents for championship honors. There is a number of candidates for places on the team, but Mr. Dobbins has not yet picked his men.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT.
A large crowd enjoyed the entertainment at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church organ fund. The affair was a great success. The music was furnished by the old Centenary Church choir, and was wonderfully enjoyed. Several of the quartets were rendered by Mesdames Clowes and Gunn and Messrs. Clowes and Lohman, and Mr. D. L. Pulliam read Tennyson's "A Dream of Fair Women," which was illustrated on tableaux by a number of beautiful young ladies, including Misses Rucker, Wells, Weisiger, Day, Cheatham, Pool, Graves, Lovell, McRea and Owens.

ELKS' INSTALLATION.
Exalted Ruler-elect Lipscomb, of the Manchester Lodge of Elks, stated officially last night that the installation and initiation of the new lodge would take place at the Masonic Temple, Manchester, on next Thursday afternoon and night.

The papers and paraphernalia will be on hand in a day or two, and everything will be in readiness for the institution at that time.

ELLIS-HUBARD.
Mr. J. W. Ellis and Miss Alice M. Hubbard were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hubbard, Eleventh and Everett Streets, Thursday night. They will reside in Manchester, where Mr. Ellis is engaged in business.

NOTES IN GENERAL.
The pie party given for the benefit of the Baptist Church Thursday night at the home of Mrs. M. A. Burk was a great success. The members of the church turned out in large numbers.

Services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M.; services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Sisk. Sunbeams Society at 8 o'clock.

The young men's prayer meeting at the Baptist Church to-night will be conducted by Mr. Hardy Bolton, of Rocky Mount, N. C.

Rev. E. V. Raily will begin a series of revival services at the Baptist Church to-morrow. The meetings will continue several days. Services at 4 P. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. J. S. Porter, of North Carolina, will preach on Monday night and throughout the entire series of meetings.

Mrs. R. C. Anderson, of No. 514 North Ninth Street, is improving at Virginia Hospital.

Miss Jessie Barham, of Capron, Southampton county, is with her uncle, Mr. William Barham, on Beech Street.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Caroline, with her sister, Mrs. William Willis, Floyd Avenue.

EXTRA PAY ON THE JAIL

Chairman Gordon Explains
Finance Committee's Action

A CLAIM ON CONTRACTORS

Money Held to Be Due from Them for
Delay to Complete the Work
in the Time Agreed
Upon by Them.

Much interest is felt in certain quarters regarding the difference of opinion between the Finance and Grounds and Buildings Committees of the City Council as to the payment of \$5,272.77 to the Stewart Iron Works, of Cincinnati, for extra work on the new city jail.

The Grounds and Buildings Committee has approved the claim and wants it paid; City Engineer Cuthaw holds that the city has a counter claim on account of increased expense by reason of delay in completing the prison, and appears to be sustained by City Attorney Pollard; the Finance Committee feels that the matter should be more carefully looked into, and has referred it to the Finance Committee, which has brought to the attention of the Council again at the next regular meeting, if not satisfactorily adjusted in the meantime.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ACTION.

The discussion of this matter in the Common Council's special meeting Thursday afternoon, and the refusal of the body to follow the course suggested by the Finance Committee, was much talked of about the City last night. Chairman James B. Gordon, of the Finance Committee, was seen last night by a Times-Dispatch reporter, and asked as to the reasons that influenced the committee to ask that the payment of the money be withheld. He said that the committee was of the opinion that the city had a claim on the contractors, and that the Finance Committee was of the opinion that the city had a claim on the contractors, and that the Finance Committee was of the opinion that the city had a claim on the contractors.

Long before the present Council came into power there was passed an ordinance authorizing the construction of a new city jail to be built under the supervision of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. An appropriation of \$35,500 was made for the purpose, and the city engineer drew plans and specifications. The contract was awarded to the Stewart Iron Works, of Cincinnati, and the work was undertaken. It was to be completed within a stated time, or so the Finance Committee thinks, the city was to be reimbursed for the extra expenditures on its part for the rental of a suitable building in which to confine the prisoners.

The work was delayed, first for one reason and then another, until long after the time limit had expired. But during the construction numbers of changes were made in the plans, and extra expense was entailed upon the contractors, so they claim.

Finally, the prison was completed, and the question of extra compensation for the contractor came up. It was adjusted by awarding \$5,272.77 for the extra work, and the Grounds and Buildings Committee, which had a resolution for the Council, asking that this amount be appropriated to pay the additional expense. No reduction was made for the money expended for rental by the city.

MONEY TO COMPLETE IT

Just before the matter was finally made up and recommended to the Council, City Auditor Warren went to the City Engineer to learn how much would be needed for the new jail fund. He was informed that \$10,000 was necessary, according to figures made by the Grounds and Buildings Committee. This included the amount for extra work and did not embrace any reduction for the delay occasioned and the expense incurred by the city.

The resolution asking for the money, with which to pay the extras was not referred to the Finance Committee until the night the budget was reported. It had never seen the paper, and the sum of \$10,000 had been inserted on the statement of Mr. Warren, after he had investigated.

The budget was passed and became a law, the \$10,000 being placed to the credit of the Grounds and Buildings Committee as a new jail fund. No effort

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has been made as yet to draw upon this sum.

In the meantime, after passing the budget, the Finance Committee held its regular monthly meeting, and prior to the session Chairman Gordon, as is his invariable custom, looked through the papers to be taken up. He took up the one in regard to the extra work and made inquiries to ascertain if any reduction had been made for additional expense incurred by the city, and which was occasioned by the delay on the building.

City Engineer Cuthaw informed him that it had not, and City Attorney Pollard held that the city had an equitable claim which could be legally collected. So a special meeting of the committee was called, and these facts laid before them, with the result that a resolution was adopted and sent to the Council recommending that the Auditor be instructed not to make a warrant for the payment for the extras until after the Finance Committee had had an opportunity to investigate.

At the special meeting of the Council Thursday afternoon this resolution created long and exciting debate. The meeting was held in the room of the Grounds and Buildings Committee, and the Finance Committee was severely criticized by members of the former body. The resolution was lost.

Following the action of the Council in rejecting the resolution, the Finance Committee held a meeting, at which the recommendation that the extra sum be appropriated was taken up. This resulted in a report being formulated to the effect that the appropriation be rejected, on six grounds, which were set forth yesterday in The Times-Dispatch. This now goes to the Council.

The chief reason for the Finance Committee's recommendation is that there is a distinct difference of opinion between the Grounds and Buildings Committee on the one side, and the City Engineer and City Attorney on the other, as to justice of the claim for extras. The City Attorney and City Engineer hold that the city is entitled to an offset for the expense occasioned by the delay in completing the jail.

SAYS WILL BE PAID.
There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not the money can now be paid to the contractors. A member of the Finance and Buildings Committee said last night that the claim of the contractor, which had been agreed upon, could be paid without consulting the Council or anybody else, but City Engineer and City Attorney are of the opinion that the delay in completing the jail was accounted for in the main by the Grounds and Buildings member by changes made in the plans after the contract for the building was awarded.

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MATCH DID THE WORK

Hotel Destroyed by Fire and
One Life Sacrificed.

(By Associated Press.)

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., March 20.—By the careless throwing down of a lighted match by a guest in his room, a fire was started at 1 o'clock to-night which practically destroyed the Clarence Hotel at Grand and Seventh Streets, entailing a total loss of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and causing the loss of one life and the more or less injury of several others.

The fire broke out in the traveling man of the hotel, who was discovered after the fire had been extinguished.

The injured: Peter Sternburg, Chicago; traveling man, badly hurt on face and hands. William Laughery, dancing teacher of this city; head burned.

Guy Door, yardman, head and face blistered.

Harry Morris, bell-boy, bruised and burned on hands and face.

Peter Sternburg went to his room on the second floor and after lighting the gas, threw the lighted match among a lot of his slippers, which immediately took fire. He made a desperate effort to extinguish the flames, being severely burned before he rushed out and gave the alarm. The flames spread through the four-story brick building with great rapidity, and by the time the fire department got to work the flames were bursting from nearly every window.

Fortunately, at the hour of the fire most of the guests were out of their rooms. A panic ensued among those in the upper stories, and a number of thrilling rescues were made by the firemen.

The body of Hawkins was found in a back room on the third floor, and was charred. It was not out of the room until the flames in front, and his room looked out over the power canal in the rear of the hotel, where it would have been impossible to reach him from the outside even if his plight had been known.

Arrest of Jackson.

(By Associated Press.)

SEBASTIA, Ark.—John Jackson, wanted on several charges of postoffice and bank robberies, was arrested here today